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Anxiety over Meningitis exaggerated

by Sara Robson

McGill Health Services has recently been flooded with phone calls and visits from students and staff concerned over the recent meningitis scare. But many doctors are saying there is no reason to panic.

"Statistically, at this point the incidents are not at epidemic levels. Incidents are less in Montréal than they were last year at this time," said Dr. Pierre Tellier, Medical Director of the McGill Health Service.

"At this point it seems that things have been blown out of proportion".

"Almost every second call to the clinic concerns meningitis," said Dr. Tellier.

The calls are a result of concern over the spread of the infection, which has recently resulted in several deaths in Québec and Ontario.

Some doctors suggest that the panic over meningitis is a result of excessive media coverage. "The media has been very irresponsible in the way they have been treating this issue," said Doctor Briedis, associate professor in the department of Microbiology and Immunology at McGill.

The vaccine for meningitis will probably become available in Montréal early this week, but a Québec Ministry of Health policy has controlled the availability of the vaccine.

Only one ten-dose vial is allocated to each licensed physician in the province. McGill Health Services expects to receive 100 doses, which will be administered to patients on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Dr. Mark Miller, from the department of Microbiology of the Jewish General Hospital, indicated that the panic over restricted amounts of vaccine is unnecessary.

"The real truth is, on the island of Montreal the vaccine isn't needed." According to Dr. Tellier, there are no reported cases in the McGill student population so far.

CLSCs are not receiving the vaccine. "You have to go to a private physician and hope that he or she has enough for you," Tellier said.

Dr. Briedis, said "generally, I would not recommend vaccinating any McGill student who has not been in one of the affected areas."

He recommended that people who are worried about becoming infected should see their doctor.

People are only likely to be at risk if they have recently been in the infected areas of the province.

The Outaouais region, de Lanaudière, and the Laurentian region are now considered epidemic areas, and local children and teenagers between the ages of 5 and 19 are being given the vaccination.

The vaccination has a range of

effectiveness.

After two to three weeks 85 per cent of people develop the proper antibodies. Even after receiving the vaccination, a person remains susceptible to the infection until they develop the antibodies.

The vaccine is not covered by

provincial health insurance and people should expect to pay between \$15-20.

Dr. Miller recommends that people be aware of the cost of the vaccine so as to prevent physicians from overcharging. McGill Health Services expects to charge roughly

\$20 per dose.

The symptoms of meningitis include high temperature, aches, headaches, sensitivity to light, nausea and vomiting, stiffness in the neck, and a rash. If a person develops all of these symptoms, they should bypass the clinic and go di-

rectly to a hospital.

Anyone who feels that they require a vaccination can contact McGill Health Services at 398-6017 or contact a local private physician. For more info call the Gazette Info line at 521-8600, category number 8735

Students and youth banking on food



John Kinlock, of Multicaf, says students increasingly need food bank services.

by Dani Colt

Students are being hurt by the recession, increased tuition and the GST and many are seeking help from the city's anti-poverty services.

"We have to create a new definition for the poor these days," said Sun Youth food bank director Tommy Kulczyk. "Anyone who works with a low fixed income can find themselves in a hard situation. Students are in that category."

Kulczyk said the worsening economy has created new clients for Sun Youth last year, including a growing number of students.

Multicaf food bank employee John Kinlock agreed.

"Students make up about five per cent of the people we help," he said. "Students (at the nearby Université de Montréal) have always been a part of our clientele."

McGill Student Aid director Judy Stymest said McGill students should turn to the government and McGill's financial aid programs before visiting food banks.

"We certainly do everything in our power to help students," said Stymest. "There has never been a case where we've had to tell students to drop out because no financial arrangement could be made."

Last year, over 4500 McGill students received \$28 million in either government or university loans or bursaries. Student Aid offers emergency loans and grants to students, payable in a week's notice. Loans are interest-free until completion of studies.

Stymest said Student Aid is dish-ing out more emergency aid this year. "My feeling is that the number of students coming in has not increased since last year, but that they're needier," said Stymest.

In fact, youth poverty is widespread in Québec. In 1987, 107 000 households with members under the age of 30 received were on wel-

fare.

Kinlock said the loans and bursaries system is partially to blame for student poverty. Students are particularly poor during January and February because of late government bursary cheques.

"They are expecting money at the end of the year and the beginning of the next," said Kinlock. "And when the cheque doesn't arrive, students are forced to live off borrowed money, or no money at all."

For many students, loans and bursaries have become the sole source of income than ever before, said Kinlock.

"The only real solutions to this problem would be to have free tuition, as well as a better loans and bursaries system," he said. "Loans and bursaries should be allocated so that they adequately reflect the needs of students."

Last fall, the McGill Student Aid developed a Work-Study program similar to those found in the United States. Students in the program work for departments in special projects and jobs. Half of their salary is subsidized by Student Aid.

Stymest said everyone benefits from the program. Needy students are supplied with part-time jobs and departments gain more money for hiring employees.

If you need food or financial assistance, visit or call McGill Student Aid (Powell Student Services Bldg. 398-6015), Multicaf Food Bank (733-0554) or Sun Youth (842-6822).

Acquittal leaves women's groups dismayed

by Krishna Rau

TORONTO (CUP) — Women's groups are demanding universities take stronger action after a man was acquitted in one of Canada's first campus date rape trials.

They said the decision could make it even harder for women who had been raped by an acquaintance to go to the police.

"Women aren't going to come forward if they think their trials are just going to be thrown out," said a member of the Queen's Women's Centre.

Robert Van Oostrom, a graduate of Queen's University, was charged last fall with four counts of sexual assault against three women between 1987 and 1989. Van Oostrom was a Queen's engineering student at the time, and all the complainants were from Queen's students.

The women testified that Van Oostrom ignored their refusal to have sex. Van Oostrom claimed each of the women consented to having sex with him.

The crown is appealing the decision. The crown attorney criticized the judge in the case for refusing to recognize the seriousness of date rape.

Other groups felt the extensive coverage of the trial and the crown appeal might prompt more women to come forward.

"In a situation like this, we would encourage women to report date rape or assault," said Susan Bazilli, the legal director of the Toronto-based Metro Action Committee on Public Violence Against Women and Children. "The crown attorney and the prosecution were very supportive."

"The publicity around the trial might make

university administrations recognize that they have a lot of work to do," said Bazilli. "They can't turn a blind eye to it. They have to take responsibility for what goes on in their own community."

Susan Addario, the University of Toronto's safety officer, said universities have to take notice of the attitudes of judges and others within the legal system, and work to change them.

"I'm not saying they (judges) are neanderthals, misogynists or dinosaurs. They just haven't heard about the experiences of women," said Addario. "The university should be wondering whether we should be taking an active role in judicial training."

She said universities have to decide whether they want to entrust assault cases to the legal system or deal with them internally.

"Sexual harassment policies are now part of the policy structure of most universities. Let's take that

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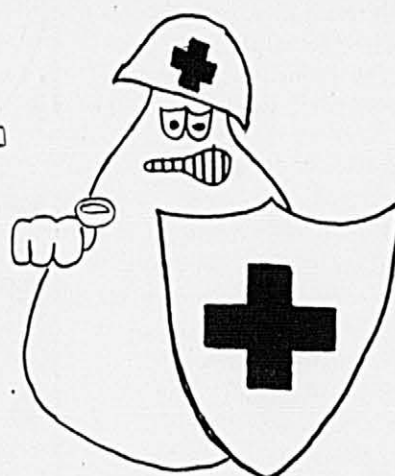
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Intellectual property, no money down

by Fiona McCaw

The elaborate \$90 million McGill tax shelter for research has generated criticism within the university community in the last few months.

At a McGill Senate meeting last October, McGill Professor Sam Noumoff objected to the spirit of the fund-raising plan and the way it was implemented.

Noumoff said the funding scheme encouraged researchers to "put together a package of goods that are supposed to be a payoff."

He suggested the scheme set a dangerous precedent. "It bends research efforts into the mold of what fits into the prospectus, and bends the priority of the institute to accommodate those who will pay."

Roger Pritchard, Dean of Graduate Studies and Research and member of a research team funded through the scheme, said there was nothing underhanded about the funding proposal. "It was highly scrutinized by lots of different bod-

bottom up."

Lechowicz said the Martinex plan is not intrinsically different from direct government funding because some government funding programs also encourage the creation of intellectual property.

Noumoff was concerned the method of funding might result in abuses by researchers. "If I knew my project was to be included, did I buy shares? Does this situation invite the possibility of insider trading? I don't like the university to be in a situation where that possibility even arises," he said.

Suzanne Chartrand, who was in charge of marketing shares in the project, said there was no possibility of insider trading.

"This is a tax shelter, not stock. There is no insider knowledge or trading, just a straight-forward tax product."

Chartrand added, "If (researchers) don't buy some, then we worry."

The Senate is in the process of setting up a committee to evaluate

the procedure. An initial list of committee members has been drafted, but they have not yet been ratified by Senate, says

view of this university."

The university has received \$90 million in research funds from the Martinex issue, and will later pay \$30 million for intellectual property rights to the research.

The deal was made possible by a tax loophole instituted last spring by the Québec government to encourage research. McGill quickly jumped at the opportunity and began a program this year. The provincial government has since made such stock issues more difficult to create.

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"IT'S NOT DIFFERENT FROM ANY OTHER RESEARCH FUNDING. IT IS MERELY FUNDING VIA FISCAL MEASURES RATHER THAN DIRECT MEASURES."

— ROGER PRITCHARD, DEAN OF GRAD STUDIES AND RESEARCH

ies, including the Québec government.

"It's not different from any other research funding," said Pritchard. "It is merely funding via fiscal measures rather than direct measures."

He admitted the funding would "stimulate perhaps more applied types of research than would be otherwise done."

But he said the scheme would not affect the subjects studied by researchers in the university.

"The government determines what money goes into research. The research to be done is entirely decided by the community of McGill."

The plan, known as the Martinex stock issue, allows investors to buy shares in intellectual property with a combination of their own funds and bank loans. Buying the shares is considered supporting research, and is eligible for tax write-offs. The university later buys back the rights to the intellectual property generated in the stock issue.

Shareholders will receive up to \$519 in tax credits for each \$325 initially invested.

Only research leading to the creation of intellectual property, that is, patentable inventions or technological innovations, are eligible for the stock issue.

Biology professor Martin Lechowicz has a research project funded under the scheme. He also thought privately-funded research would not result in a change in the intent of university research.

"The university is a community of individual scholars," he said. "There's no control of research by the administration or the government. There are controls from the

Pritchard.

Noumoff said he was pleased with the proposed composition of the committee. "In my judgement it represents the varying points of

No Anonymous AIDS Testing at Concordia

by Ita Kendall

MONTREAL (CUP) — Concordia Health Services is denying students access to anonymous HIV testing.

"We tell them what's available, but we cannot offer anonymous testing right now," said Health Services nurse Gail Grier.

Grier said Health Services cannot test anonymously — where a patient is not required to give their name or health insurance card — through the lab they currently use.

Health Services only offers confidential HIV test and counselling, both which are recorded in the student's medical file.

"We try not to be too explicit," said Grier. "We'll write that a student received sex education or STD and HIV counselling in their file."

But Grier said if a student decided to go ahead with an HIV test, it would be in his or her file.

Some observers say the existence of written information showing HIV test results could eventually victimize patients.

Ron de Burger, director of the AIDS Education and Awareness Program of the Canadian Public Health Association in Ottawa, said people are afraid HIV test results being leaked out.

"There have been a couple of cases in Canada where somebody's name inadvertently got out of the system," said de Burger.

He said a Nova Scotia school teacher eventually lost his job when positive HIV test results were discovered by his employer.

"He's out of a job and he can't get back into the classroom."

However, anonymous HIV tests are available at two community health clinics in Montreal — CLSC Métro (métro Guy), and CLSC Centre-ville.

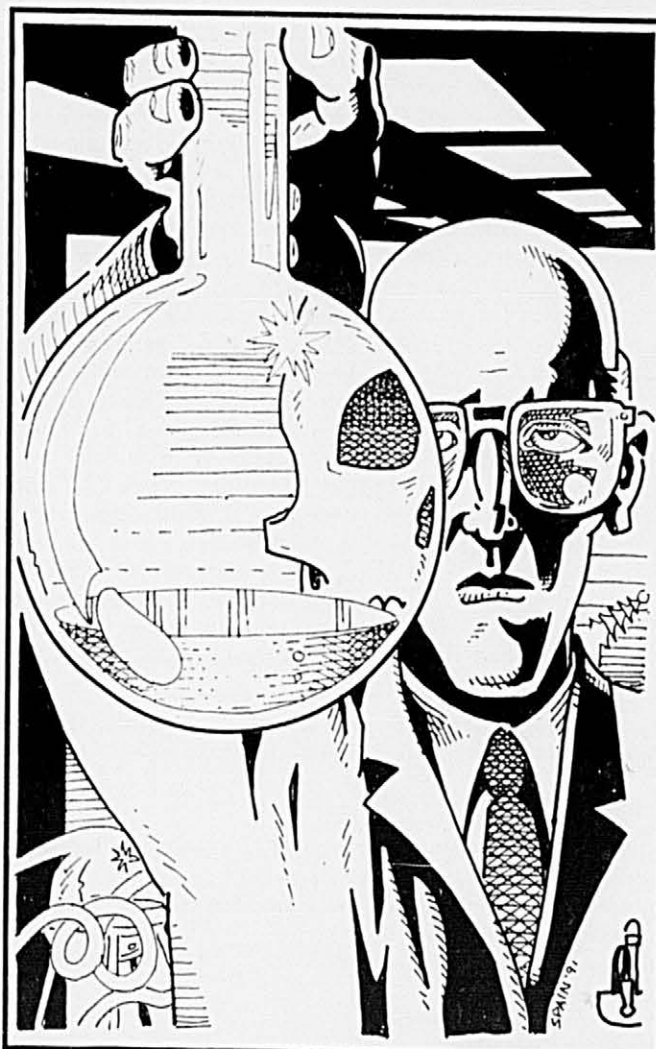
Marlene Yuen-Boyer, a co-ordinator of the AIDS Intervention Centre at CLSC Métro, said anonymous HIV testing originated in the United States.

Anonymous testing was introduced in order to encourage potential carriers to come forth, she said.

Québec was the first province in Canada to introduce anonymous testing, said Yuen-Boyer.

There are five anonymous HIV testing centres in Québec, including two in Montréal and one in Sherbrooke, Québec City, and Ottawa.

Two weeks ago, the Ontario government announced plans to spend \$600 000 on several new HIV testing centres in the Ottawa area. Presently, Ontario has only one anonymous testing centre, located in Toronto.



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COMMENT

Too many machines that go "ping"

A lot of money, time and energy in this university goes into technological solutions for medical problems. And just what good does all this research do?

Thumbing through research proposals you see some high tech stuff: eye surgery robots, computer assisted medical decision making, 3-D ultrasound.

But who is it for? The high tech inventions, by and large, improve the health of a relatively small affluent elite, but completely fail to address the real problems of most people.

Most health problems are caused by social and economic conditions. The diseases which kill the majority of people in the world are mainly ones with simple, effective, relatively low-tech remedies — remedies we already understand.

Sometimes the solution involves education or vaccinations. Often it requires changes in basic living situations — better water or sanitation, enough food, acceptable and appropriate housing.

Poverty is a major killer, both in Canada and internationally. What's the cure for malnutrition? It isn't technology. Environmental problems are another serious health risk. Cleaning up isn't always easy, but preventing the damage in the first place can be effective.

While we are spending millions on eye surgery robots, the federal government is cutting off funding for medicare. If we lose our social programs, people will suffer because they are unable to pay for adequate medical care. We would become just like the USA, the world leader in medical technology.

Millions of dollars are invested in high tech research and hard science because it is easy to see the bottom line. This research is easy to define, it shows a profit, and it doesn't really make the problem go away, thus making it possible to rationalize more research — and more wasted dollars.

Because resources are limited, we should re-examine our priorities. If we are going to spend the money on research, we would do better spending less money on technology and more looking for social solutions. Or we could channel more to basic necessities like nutrition and housing.

Eric Smiley
Fiona McCaw
Robin LeBaron
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LETTERS

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Grads oppose tuition hike

To the Daily:

I found your article on the latest increase in tuition fees decreed by the Ministry of Higher Education and Science, informative and to the point. However, I was somewhat surprised by the fact that the piece made no mention of the position taken by RACSQ on this matter.

As president of RACSQ I issued a press release to the media (your paper included) immediately after the Minister's announcement condemning the increase. I also participated in a press conference organized by ANÉFQ and AGÉUQAM, as well as RACSQ, to denounce the Ministry's decision and to reiterate our demand that a commission of inquiry be set up to review all government policies affecting post-secondary education.

I think that it is important for all students' on our campus to know that PGSS has condemned FEUQ's position

on tuition fees, and that RACSQ has consistently opposed the Ministry's attempt to shift onto students the burden of financing the university system in Québec.

Eugenio Bolongaro
VP External, PGSS
President, RACSQ

Rampant social evils

To the Daily:

How startling to see a Daily editorial on the subject of identity politics and their dangerous divisive effects ("The identity-politics chain") 1/9/92. This is rather like seeing Ronald McDonald speak out against meat-eating. The Daily has always done its utmost to promote the spread of the New Age caste system which is replacing liberal individualism as the central ideal of Western societies. The Daily has been telling us for as long as memory serves that sin and

righteousness are automatic functions of skin colour, gender, class and sexual orientation. The Daily has always made it quite clear that membership in certain social groups confers an obligation to believe in corresponding orthodoxies, and god help the heretic. Excise identity politics from the pages of the Daily and you'd be left with a masthead and some advertisements.

Of course, the editorial was not intended as a blanket condemnation of identity politics, which are, of course, "rooted in important processes in the feminist, gay liberation and Black Power movements." The merits of identity politics seem to depend on the identity in question. Which is to say that, when it comes to the problems posed by identity politics, the Daily editorialists just don't get it. Two-edged sword. Slippery slope. Endless Balkanization. Any of these phrases ring any bells?

In any case, I eagerly await future Daily editorials denouncing "political correctness", double-standard feminism, political victimology, callow ethical show-boating in student journalism, and other rampant social evils.

C. Doerksen
Visiting student, History

Place for Ethan—a good thing

As a McGill Graduate I would like to express the disappointment and anger I felt towards the reaction to "A Place For Ethan"—a men's group recently begun here. The press it has received is nothing less than vicious. As a woman and as a feminist I believe a "Place for Ethan" to be extremely positive addition to campus life. Women's roles in society are changing, though not nearly fast enough, we have made some progress. This by definition changes men's roles in society. We should be overjoyed that at long last, at least a few men, have taken notice of this. If they feel the need to talk about these changes, and hopefully to improve the general condition of society through this communication—then why not? Is it indulgent and self gratifying to come together and admit to being "sensitive" men? I for one would like to encourage men to break out of their social conditioning and to be as sensitive as they would like. Women have been silenced and abused throughout history (and continue to be), let us not commit this same crime against men. To silence men, and to deny them a reaction to the changing roles of women, is not only to sink to levels of abusive behaviour

traditionally imposed upon us, but is entirely counterproductive. Women are scared and angry, let's use this to change what needs to be changed and not to lash out at a few men who want to talk. I commend Mabry and Rothgeisser for their guts in pursuing this.

Beth Kawaja
McGill Graduate

To Lev, Terry, Hoori, Robert, Sylvia and especially you, Pierre: We love you but your letters are just too long. Buy a big bottle of liquid paper and purge them down to 300 words or less. For example: you could remove any sentences that contain the words "the" or "and."

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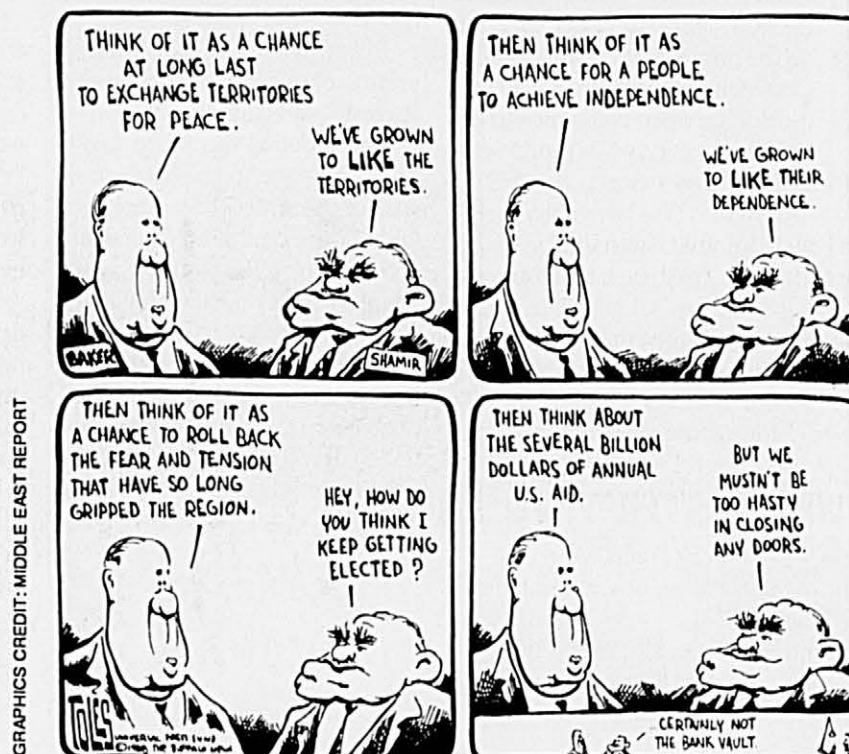
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NEWS ANALYSIS

Little doubt remains that Israel's participation in the historic Middle East peace conferences at Madrid and Washington was largely — if not solely — the result of unyielding American pressure.

Washington's resolve was most tangibly expressed in U.S. president George Bush's decision to delay consideration of \$10 billion in loan guarantees to help Israel resettle Soviet Jews until the meetings took place. The delay was also one of the most compelling reasons for Israel to attend the talks.



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John Dirlik and Yusef Arafat

Israel showed up and the conferences have been so far a qualified success. But while the long-term gains of these much-publicized talks are still debatable, one thing is certain. The next few weeks will see Israel once again ask Washington to guarantee \$10 billion in loans.

When Israel's supporters in Congress make the request, they will once again stress the supposedly humanitarian nature of the request. Both Israel and its supporters will insist that the money is necessary to provide housing and jobs for Soviet Jews in Israel. They will claim that the fate of tens of thousands of refugees hinges on the loan guarantees.

Conveniently omitted from this debate will be an embarrassing, but undeniable fact. Most of the Soviet Jews newly arrived in Israel are there not because the Jewish state was their first choice, but only because Israel itself blocked their way to other destinations. It is an open secret that America is the "promised land" for the overwhelming majority of Soviet Jews.

Indeed, Israeli sources are the first ones to admit that until very recently, barely 10 per cent of Jews leaving the Soviet Union ended up in Israel. The remaining 90 per cent went to Europe and the United States.

This disturbing trend was finally reversed in 1989 only after Israel and its lobbyists persuaded Washington to refuse visas to any Soviet Jew who already had one for Israel, and to put a quota on the number of Soviet Jews allowed into the U.S. each year.

Also, an intense Israeli campaign succeeded in closing the processing centres for refugees in Vienna and Rome.

Before the closures, many Soviet Jews with visas for Israel had opted to go elsewhere when they arrived at these centres. Direct flights from Moscow to Tel Aviv were opened, preventing the intolerable situation of Jews "escaping" in transit to the Western countries of their choice.

To confine Palestinian development

Clearly, the loan guarantees are not the strictly humanitarian requests portrayed by Israel. At the top of Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Shamir's agenda is the "Judaization"

of the occupied territories, designed to make any Israeli withdrawal a demographic as well as political impossibility. As pointed out by Jewish peace activist Jerome Segal: "Soviet Jews are being used as a demographic battering ram" in the Likud party's pursuit of a "Greater Israel".

One of the basic tenets of Zionist ideology is "redemption" of the land of "Eretz Israel". In practice, this has come to mean simply increasing the number of Jews and decreasing numbers of Palestinians in the former Palestine.

To this end, Israel has been demolishing more Palestinian houses in the occupied territories than it has granted permits to build, according to a study released last July by British town planner Anthony Coon.

Coon's report concluded: "The purpose of Israeli planning policy... is to confine Palestinian development," while at the same time encouraging the creation and expansion of Jewish settlements.

But despite attractive housing subsidies to entice prospective settlers, only a relatively small number of Israelis have chosen to live in the West Bank or Gaza.

Moreover, Diaspora Jews have shown little inclination to help fulfill Israel's self-proclaimed mission of being the "ingathering" place for world Jewry by emigrating there. As recent events indicate, this responsibility seems to have been placed almost entirely on the shoulders of reluctant Soviet Jews — with the enthusiastic blessing of North American Jewish organizations.

A British journalist wryly observed that despite their vocal and financial support for Israel, most American Jews have "voted against Zionism with their feet." Hence the cynical but not entirely inaccurate definition — made disdainfully in some Israeli circles — of North American Zionists as Jews who donate money so that other Jews can move to Israel.

Flexible interpretations

Putting the geographic preferences of Diaspora Jews aside, few will disagree that a solution to the Arab-Israeli dispute must be based on the land-for-peace principle inherent in United Nations Resolution 242. The

Resolution calls for an Israeli withdrawal from the territories seized in 1967, in exchange for Arab diplomatic recognition of the Jewish state.

Israeli officials, however, have volunteered a rather creative interpretation of the Resolution. They point to the English version of Resolution 242, which does not refer to "the occupied territories", but only "occupied territories". The officials conclude that Israel's obligation has already been fulfilled by its withdrawal from the Sinai peninsula, following the 1978 Camp David accords.

Israel's unique interpretation of Resolution 242 has not been accepted elsewhere. Dean Rusk, who was U.S. Secretary of State during the Six Day War, explained that: "Resolution 242 was somewhat flexible with regard to territories... The purpose of this flexibility was to permit minor (border) adjustments... Resolution 242 never contemplated the movement of any significant territories to Israel."

Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, the architect of the Camp David accord, was more emphatic when he declared that "we consider that this resolution means withdrawal on all three fronts — that is, Golan, West Bank, Gaza."

No less an authority than the diplomat who drafted the resolution, Lord Caradon of Britain, had this to say: "It was from the occupied territories that the Resolution called for withdrawal. The test was which territories were occupied."

"That was a test not possibly subject to doubt. As a matter of plain fact East Jerusalem, the West Bank, the Golan and Sinai were occupied in the 1967 conflict; it was on withdrawal from occupied territories that the Resolution insisted."

The world community is clearly unanimous in its assessment that Israel has yet to comply with U.N. Resolution 242.

In his opening remarks at Madrid, president Bush reiterated his position that territorial compromise was the key to peace. Having made its loan guarantees to Israel conditional on participation in a peace conference and a freeze on settlements, will the U.S. now use its powerful economic leverage to pressure Israel into complying with this international consensus?

That is the 10 billion dollar question.

Acquittal...

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one step further with sexual assault cases."

But Addario said universities still have a lot of thinking to do about how to handle such cases.

Bazilli said the recent media spotlight on rape trials might force universities to make those decisions.

"The Van Oostrom trial, as well as the William Kennedy Smith date rape trial in Florida, and the recent Supreme Court of Canada decision to strike down the rape shield law illustrated the need for more action around sexual assault."

Hiring policy

An equity hiring proposal for McGill Faculty was hotly debated last Thursday, but no final decision was taken.

At a meeting of the McGill Association of University Teachers (MAUT), professors were divided on the merits of affirmative action. Opponents of the policy argued that it could threaten academic quality at the university, while proponents said their fears were unjustified.

"My aim is to have every evaluation in the university based on academic merit, from hiring to grading of students," said Prof Mirna Gopnik, chair of the Teachers' Association equity committee and a supporter of the proposal.

No matter which way the final

vote on the proposal goes, the Teachers' Association does not have any real authority to enforce a hiring policy. But the association wants to present an opinion on affirmative action to the Joint Senate Board Committee on equity, which is developing an equity policy for the end of this year.

"The MAUT can't order the university to do anything, but we can suggest," said Gopnik.

The proposal was raised to address the under-representation of women in the McGill teaching staff. Only 17 per cent of McGill faculty are women, a figure that has remained roughly constant for about 20 years.

Because of the extent of the controversy raised by the issue, a final decision on the proposal was postponed. It will be voted on at a later meeting in February.

— Susan Vivian

Smoking room reopened

A solution to the smoking debate in the Redpath-McClennan library is at last on hand.

The library administration reopened the smoking room on the fourth floor of McClennan last November. They have posted signs outside the Redpath cafeteria, an area frequented by smokers, advertising the new room.

"People who really want to

smoke will find a private place to do it," said Humanities and Social Sciences Area Librarian Calvin Evans.

The smoking room was closed due to improper ventilation. It was re-opened immediately after Physical Plant installed a better ventilation system, said Evans.

The administration hopes that the new smoking room will encourage people to stop smoking in other parts of the library. "We don't want to confront students, we want their cooperation," said Evans.

What do students think of the new room? "It's too small, but it's not too badly ventilated," said Anthony Ng, a third-year biology student. Ng added that he used to smoke outside the Redpath caf, but has now moved to the smoking room.

Smoking in the library was hotly debated last year following the university's decision to ban smoking in all university buildings.

— Michael Rottmayer

Ryan an old sour fruit

Municipal Affairs minister Claude Ryan received the Prix Citron last week for his "counter-productive contribution" towards

public transportation.

The transport lobby group, Transport 2000, awarded their second annual Prix Citron to Ryan for his support of increased bus and métro fares. The old codger was also responsible for slashing provincial subsidies to municipal transportation commissions, (Ed note: And hiking tuition, the crusty booger).

"Ryan recently suggested transit fares were too slight and suggested to municipal authorities to increase the burden on commuters before bursting their own budgets," said a Transport 2000

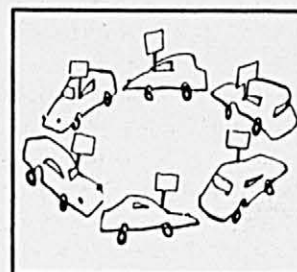
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On a more positive note, the cherished Prix Orange was awarded to Montréal transit commission executive Robert Perreault in gratitude for the new rapido-bus on Montréal's east-end Pie-IX boulevard. Perreault also got a pat on the back for his anti-parking initiatives in the downtown area.

A panel of environmental groups interested in transportation issues, including Transport 2000, selected Ryan and Perreault at the end of last month.

Transport 2000 hoped competition for the Prix Orange would increase next year.

— Eric Smiley, Peter Clibbon



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Women reassert communication

by Irene Bloemraad

Women's groups from around campus met last Thursday to discuss common interests and reassert communication.

"Women's groups often don't know what the left hand is doing from the right," said Sylvia Di Iorio of the Centre for Sexual Assault.

Other students agreed. "There is a need to establish a central public space to advertise women's events where volunteers can sign up for specific tasks," said Kelly Gallagher-Mackay of the Walk Safe Network.

"Everyone seemed to be committed to each other's agendas," Gallagher-Mackay said.

The question of resources was discussed, including the problems of funding and publicity. Karla MacDonald and Alex Johnson, Students' Society executives, explained there are significant funds available from campus organizations for groups with a detailed budget and a clear objective.

But Kelly Dobbin of the Coalition Against Sexual

Assault was dubious about Johnson's claim. "It took two months before we received money from the Students' Society for a speaker we had last fall," she said.

The various groups exchanged event dates to support each other more in the future. Up-coming events include:

- "Body Image: Who's in control?" — a forum covering issues such as media images of women and eating disorders. Jan. 24, 19:30, LEA 132.

- Women's Union Open House — all day Jan 24 with a wine and cheese to follow.

- "Rape Law in Canada: Justice?" — a panel discussion. Jan. 29, 19:30, FDA.

- Sexual Assault Awareness Week, March 2-6 with a variety of events around campus.

- the expansion of Walk-Safe, with a phone-in system to operate around campus.

Anyone wishing information on possible sources of funding should contact MacDonald at the Students' Society office. For info about upcoming events call the Women's Union at 398-6823.

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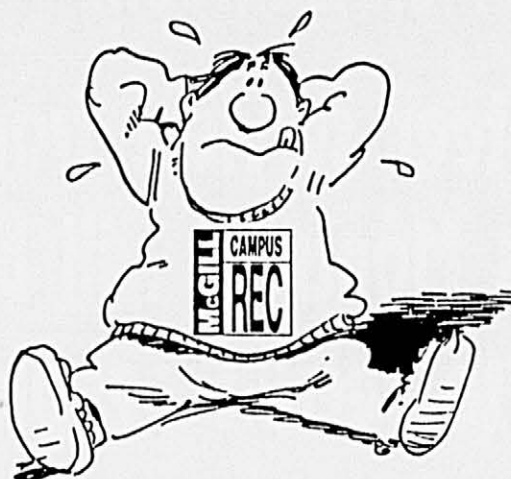
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